Mayor Kristen Brown called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

## I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Councilman Aaron Hankins.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brown.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Dascal Bunch, Ryan Brand, Frank Jerome, Frank Miller, Aaron Hankins, and James Lienhoop were present. Tim Shuffett was absent.
- D. Ryan Brand moved to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2012 City Council meeting. Dascal Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) to zero (0).

## II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

A. None

## III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 3, 2012, RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO APPOINT A FIRE CHIEF/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FROM OUTSIDE THE COLUMBUS FIRE DEPARTMENT." Mayor Brown went into a detailed discussion explaining the process used by this administration to find a candidate for the new City Fire Chief. Interviews were conducted with both internal and external candidates and ultimately the candidate with the most experience and qualifications was from another community. Questions regarding the statutory requirements was asked by James Lienhoop and answered by Alan Whitted. Joel Thacker, the selected candidate, was in the audience and spoke about his experience to the Council. More discussion followed. Frank Jerome made a motion to approve the Resolution. Jim Lienhoop seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) to zero (0).
- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 4, 2012, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOULSY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7." (Analytical Engineering, Inc.) Jim Clouse, Program Manager with Community Development, and Travis Fox with Analytical Engineering, Inc. presented the request for tax abatement. Analytical Engineering, Inc. requested a tax abatement on real and personal property in conjunction with the purchase of a vacant building located at 983 S. Marr. Road which would include the installation of new manufacturing equipment at the facility. This tax abatement will allow the firm to invest \$5,000,000.00 to improve the facility and install new manufacturing equipment with an estimated value of \$12,000,000.00. Mr. Fox stated an additional four jobs would be created

with the potential for more. Frank Miller indicated the Incentive Review Committee met prior to the Council meeting and found Analytical Engineering, Inc. to be in substantial compliance. Council member Aaron Hankins asked Jim Clouse to explain the abatement process and the role Community Development provides to businesses applying for tax abatements. Jim Clouse explained that the businesses make the request and Community Development helps with the filing requirements for the City Council to vote on. Frank Jerome asked if the building had already been purchased by the company. Mr. Fox explained they had a signed purchase agreement with the previous owner which is pending the tax abatement being approved. More discussion followed from the public. Jim Lienhoop abstained from voting due to a business/client relationship. Dascal Bunch made a motion to approve the resolution. Frank Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of four (4) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay.

- C. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 5, 2012 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITAZLIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7." (Nagakura Engineering Works Co., Inc.) Jim Clouse, Program Manager with Community Development, and Sharon Sharp, along with Kay Lord of Nagakura Engineering Works Co., Inc. presented the request for tax abatement. Nagakura Engineering Works Co., Inc. requested a tax abatement on personal property in conjunction with purchase and installation of new manufacturing equipment at their facility located at 630 South Mapleton St. in Columbus. The company plans to purchase and install new manufacturing equipment with an estimated value of \$4,301,307.92. Ms. Sharp explained they were building a relationship with Honda and expanding current customer demands with the implementation of two machining lines. With this expansion, Nagakura Engineering Works Co. Inc. will retain 134 employees and hire an additional 14 full time employees with a combined annual salary of \$408,408.00 for the new positions. Frank Miller indicated the Incentive Review Committee met prior to the Council meeting and found Nagakura Engineering Works Co., Inc. in substantial compliance. Aaron Hankins commented on his views of tax abatements. Discussion followed. Frank Jerome made a motion to approve the Resolution. Dascal Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay.
- D. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.", 2012, AN ORDINANCE VACATING PUBLIC RIGHT OF-WAY." (First Financial Bank Vacation) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this Ordinance. Jeff first discussed the process to vacate public right-of-way. A power point presentation was presented describing the property in question. Jeff indicated the Columbus Plat Committee met on February 23, 2012 and forwarded this request to the City Council for consideration. First Financial Bank is seeking the vacation of a portion of unused Lindsey Street right-of-way on the east side between 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The reason for the vacation is for the proposed expansion of the existing First Financial Bank parking lot. Jeff stated no members of the Plat Committee, including local utilities, and the City Engineer's office, indicated any objections to the road vacation. Much discussion followed. Council requested more information regarding the amount of property and possible future use for people trails, future road expansions, or future business openings. Jim Lienhoop made a motion to continue to the next meeting. Frank Jerome seconded the motion. Motion to continue passed by a vote of six (6) to zero (0).

## **IV. Other Business**

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports. Council Member Jim Lienhoop commented that they had nothing to report but asked for Council to listen to a citizen speak about airport noise. Patrick Pierz presented a power point presentation describing the problem. Mayor Brown commented that a new noise abatement procedure was implemented along with plans to use other runways. A comment form has been placed on the City website to track all information. Also, a telephone line has been set up for citizens to voice their concerns. This issue will be revisited if problems persist.
- B. Discussion Item: Jason Maddix discussed an Ordinance to Amend the Columbus Municipal Code to Add Section 5.24; an Ordinance to Regulate Massage Establishments. Jason Maddix commented that he and Captain Rohde met with local massage therapists and they were in agreement with the language changes in the new ordinance. Discussion about licensing and permits followed. This Ordinance will be placed on the April 3, 2012 agenda for voting.
- C. Discussion Item: Elimination of trash fees. Mayor Brown presented documentation on plans to reduce the budgets in General Fund, Parks and Recreation, and Motor Vehicle Highway in order to eliminate the trash fees. Much Discussion followed. Council requested more data on future revenue and budget projections to be discussed at the next meeting.
- D. Dascal Bunch announced a District 1 Open Forum will be held on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 o'clock P.M. at the Eastside Community Center.
- E. Council member Frank Miller announced the Recycling Committee will meet on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 o'clock P.M. in Conference Room 3 in City Hall. Frank stated this meeting is open to the public.
- F. Next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **April 3**, **2012 at 6:00** o'clock P.M. in City Hall.
- G. Dascal Bunch moved to adjourn the meeting. Frank Miller seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn passed by a vote of six (6) to zero (0). Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

	Presiding Officer	
Attest:		
Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus		